Paradip oil refinery

60. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of construction of Paradip oil Refinery, *inter-alia* indicating the time-frame within which it would be completed and starts production;

(b) whether the State Government of Orissa has agreed to provide all kinds of tax benefits and other facilities for early execution of this project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) is setting up a new Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex at Paradip in Orissa with an installed capacity of 15 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA) with completion schedule as October, 2011. The present status of project is as under:

* 3347 acre of land has been acquired for the project;
* Construction of bridges over Santra Creek, construction of about 7 KM approach road (including railway over-bridge) for the refinery connecting NH-5A to refinery site have already been completed.
* Residential accommodation for construction phase, CISF Colony, coastal approach road, green belt development etc. are under various stages of construction.
* Work for laying of construction/drinking water line from Taldanda Canal to Township/ Refinery is in progress;
* Technology selection for all the process units has been completed.
* Project Management Consultant has been selected for Front End Engineering & Design (FEED) phase of the project on 1.12.2006.
* Environment clearance for the project has been received on 6.7.2007;

(b) and (c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Government of Orissa and IOCL was signed on 16.2.2004 wherein Orissa Government has granted a package of incentives to Paradip Refinery Project which are as under:

* Deferment of Orissa Sales Tax for product sales in Orissa for 11 years from date of commercial production.
* Exemption of Central Sales Tax for product sales in other States for 30 years from the date of commercial production.
* Exemption of Entry Tax on crude oil.
* Exemption of Entry Tax in respect of project construction materials.
* Exemption of Sales Tax on purchase of material, machinery and equipment for 11 years from the date of commercial production.
* Exemption from Works Contract Tax during construction of the refinery.

* Exemption from Royalty on Sand during construction of the refinery.
* Exemption from payment of electricity duty in respect of power to be generated in the captive power plant for a period of 5 years.

Supply of gas to RGTP

61. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of gas presently available at Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Project (RGTP);

(b) how much additional quantity of gas would still be required to run the plant at full capacity;

(c) the agency to supply additional gas for this project; and

(d) by when gas will be made available to run both gas turbines at full load?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The average gas drawal by Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Station (RGTPS) in 2007-08 (upto December 2008) was around 0.69 Million Standard Cubic Metres Per Day (MMSCMD).

(b) Additional gas requirement for operation of Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Project at 95% Plant Load Factor (PLF) and taking Gross Calorific Value (GVC) of gas as 4150 Kilo calories (Kcal)/Standard Cubic Metre (SCM) and station heat rate 2000 Kcal/Kilo Watt Hours (KWH), will be around 0.50 MMSCMD.

(c) and (d) Oil India Limited (OIL) is expecting an additional gas availability of 0.2 MMSCMD from its Dandewala gas field by 2007-08. Additional facility needs to be created for this additional quantity. Negotiations for commercial arrangements for the additional gas are underway between Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL), OIL and GAIL (India) Limited.

Supply of cooking gas in the capital

62. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that supplies of LPG cooking gas refills in the capital has not improved,

(b) whether it is also a fact that LPG supply takes atleast 3-4 week in the capital causing lot of hardship to consumers; and

(c) if so, what action Government proposes to take to improve the LPG refills in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country, including the Capital and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered